

Difference Between K-12 Education and College

K-12 Education (IEP under IDEA)	K-12 Education (504 Plan)	College Classes & Adult Life (ADA & FERPA)
Student records are accessible to student and parents	Student records are accessible to student and parents	Student records are by default only accessible to the student (not the parents)
Special consideration for behavior problem	Must follow high school behavior code	All students must follow college code of conduct ; no special consideration
District identifies disability	Parent provides documentation of disability	Student responsibility to provide documentation of disability and need for accommodation
Success more of a right	No guarantee for student success	No guarantee; student is responsible for their own success
Special education classes	Regular class curriculum with modification	No special education classes ; disability support office's role is to accommodate student in college level classes
Free evaluation of disability	Parent responsibility	Student responsibility
District develops Individual Education Plan (IEP)	Services determined by Plan	Student initiates requests for accommodation needs; services not automatically provided
District ensures that the IEP is implemented	District/parent/student responsible	Student is responsible for their own academic progress
Entitled to services identified on IEP	Services determined by Plan	College services not automatic ; each college determines eligibility and services
Fundamental modifications to program of study permitted as identified on IEP	Fundamental modifications to program of study permitted as identified on 504 Plan	No fundamental modifications allowed: Accommodations may not alter the fundamental nature of a course or impose an undue burden on an institution
Teacher advocate	Parent/student advocate	Student advocates for self
Personal services: e.g., transportation, personal attendant, nurse	No personal services provided	No personal services provided